

# MA1522 Reference Notes (midterms)

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## Row Echelon Form

A matrix is in row echelon form if:

- (1) All zero rows are at the bottom of the matrix.
- (2) The leading entries are further to the right as we move down the rows.

It is in *Reduced Row Echelon form* if:

- (1) The leading entries are 1.
- (2) In each pivot column, all entries except the leading entry is zero.

## Elementary Row Operations

- (1) Interchange two rows.
- (2) Multiply a row by a nonzero constant.
- (3) Add a multiple of one row to another row.

Two Linear systems have the same solution set if their augmented matrices are row equivalent.

If matrix  $B$  is obtained from matrix  $A$  by

$$A \xrightarrow{r_1} \xrightarrow{r_2} \dots \xrightarrow{r_k} B$$

Then

$$B = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A$$

where  $E_i$  is the elementary matrix corresponding to  $r_i$ .

## Systems of Linear Equations

The linear system of  $Ax = b$  is homogenous if  $b = 0$ . If there is a nontrivial solution, it has infinitely many solutions.

A linear system is consistent if it has at least one solution. A homogenous equation  $Ax = 0$  is always consistent, as it has at least the trivial solution.

## Types of Matrices

### Scalar Matrices

A scalar matrix is a diagonal matrix where all diagonal entries are equal.

### Triangular Matrices

Upper Triangular  $A$  where  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i > j$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Strictly Upper Triangular  $A$  where  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \geq j$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lower Triangular  $A$  where  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ * & * & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Strictly Lower Triangular  $A$  where  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \leq j$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ * & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ * & * & * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Scalar Multiplication and Matrix Addition

### Properties:

- (1) Commutative:  $A + B = B + A$
- (2) Associative:  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
- (3) Additive identity:  $A + 0 = A$
- (4) Additive inverse:  $A + (-A) = 0$
- (5) Distributive:  $c(A + B) = cA + cB$
- (6) Scalar addition:  $(c + d)A = cA + dA$
- (7) Associative:  $c(dA) = (cd)A$
- (8) If  $aA = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $A = 0$

## Matrix Multiplication

For multiplication of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and a  $n \times p$  matrix  $B$ ,

$$AB_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Properties:

- (1) Associative:  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- (2) Left distributive:  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$
- (3) Right distributive:  $(A + B)C = AC + BC$
- (4) Commutes with scalar multiplication:  
 $c(AB) = (cA)B = A(cB)$
- (5) Not commutative:  $AB \neq BA$  in general
- (6) Multiplicative Identity:  $I_n A = A I_m = A$
- (7) Zero divisor: There exists nonzero matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $AB = 0$
- (8) Zero matrix:  $A0 = 0A = 0$

## Block Multiplication

$$AB = A(b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_n) = (Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ \dots \ Ab_n)$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 B \\ a_2 B \\ \dots \\ a_m B \end{pmatrix}$$

## Transpose

The transpose of a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a  $n \times m$  matrix  $A^T$  where  $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji}$ .

Properties:

- (1)  $(A^T)^T = A$
- (2)  $(cA)^T = cA^T$
- (3)  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- (4)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$

## Inverse of a Matrix

A matrix  $A$  is invertible if there exists a unique matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = BA = I$ .

Properties:

- (1)  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- (2)  $(cA)^{-1} = c^{-1}A^{-1}, \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$
- (3)  $(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$
- (4)  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  if A, B are both invertible
- (5) Left Cancellation Law:  $AB = AC \rightarrow B = C$
- (6) Right Cancellation Law:  $BA = CA \rightarrow B = C$

To find an inverse, consider

$$(A \mid I) \xrightarrow{RREF} (I \mid A^{-1})$$

## Invertible Matrix Theorem

Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is invertible.
- (2)  $A$  has a left inverse
- (3)  $A$  has a right inverse
- (4) RREF of  $A$  is  $I_n$
- (5)  $A$  can be expressed as a product of elementary matrices
- (6) Homogenous system  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution
- (7) for any  $b$ , the system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution
- (8) The determinant of  $A$  is nonzero
- (9) The columns/rows of  $A$  are linearly independent
- (10) The columns/rows of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

## LU Decomposition

Suppose  $A \xrightarrow{r_1} \xrightarrow{r_2} \dots \xrightarrow{r_k} U$ , where each row operation is of the form  $R_i + cR_j$  and  $U$  is a row echelon form of  $A$ . Then  $A$  can be decomposed into a *unit* lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix.

$$A = LU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ * & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & * & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & * & \dots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1} \dots E_k^{-1}$$

To solve  $LUx = Ax = b$ , solve  $Ly = b$ , then  $Ux = y$ .

## Determinant

Properties:

- (1)  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$
- (2)  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$  for A, B of same size
- (3)  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$
- (4)  $\det(cA) = c^n \det(A)$  for  $n \times n$  matrix A
- (5)  $\det(\text{diag}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n$
- (6) Determinant and Row Elementary Operations:

$A \xrightarrow{R_i + cR_j} B$	$\det(A) = \det(B)$	$\det(B) = \det(A)$
$A \xrightarrow{cR_i} B$	$\det(A) = \frac{1}{c} \det(B)$	$\det(B) = c \det(A)$
$A \xrightarrow{R_i \leftrightarrow R_j} B$	$\det(A) = -\det(B)$	$\det(B) = -\det(A)$

## Finding Determinants:

1. for  $n = 2$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\det(A) = ad - bc$
2. for  $n = 3$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 $\det(A) = aei + bfg + cdh - ceg - bdi - afh$
3. for  $n \geq 3$ , use Cofactor Expansion:

$$\det(A) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}A_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{jk}A_{jk}$$

where  $A_{ij}$  is the (i,j) cofactor of A, given by

$$A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} \det(M_{ij})$$

where  $M_{ij}$  is the (i, j) matrix minor of A, the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of A.

## Adjoint

With a order  $n$  square matrix A, the adjoint of A is

$$\text{adj}(A) = (A_{ij})^T = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & -M_{21} & \dots & \pm M_{n1} \\ -M_{12} & M_{22} & \dots & \mp M_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \pm M_{1n} & \mp M_{2n} & \dots & \pm M_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Adjoint Formula:

$$A \cdot \text{adj}(A) = \det(A)I$$

## Cramer's Rule

Let  $A$  be a invertible  $n \times n$  matrix.

For any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the unique solution of  $Ax = b$  is given by

$$x_i = \frac{\det(A_i(b))}{\det(A)}$$

where  $A_i(b)$  is the matrix obtained by replacing the  $i$ th column of  $A$  with  $b$ .

## Linear Span

$$\text{span}(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = \{c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + \dots + c_nu_n \mid c_i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i\}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i \right\}$$

$\mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of all vectors with n-coordinates.

Theorem:

- (1)  $v \in \text{span}(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) \leftrightarrow (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n)x = v$  is consistent  $\leftrightarrow (u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n \mid v)$  is consistent.
- (2)  $\text{span}(u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n) = \mathbb{R}^n \leftrightarrow$

The reduced row echelon form of A has no zero rows.

Properties:

Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(1) Contains Origin:  $\mathbf{0} \in \text{span}(S)$

(2) Closed under addition:

$$\forall u, v \in \text{span}(S), u + v \in \text{span}(S)$$

(3) Closed under scalar multiplication:

$$\forall u \in \text{span}(S), \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, c \cdot u \in \text{span}(S)$$

(4) Contains all linear combinations:

$$\forall u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in \text{span}(S),$$

$$\forall c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n \in \text{span}(S)$$

Span equality:

Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  and  $T = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then,

$$\text{span}(T) \subseteq \text{span}(S) \leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall v \in T, v \in \text{span}(S) \leftrightarrow$$

$$(S \mid T) \text{ is consistent.}$$

For equality, we need to show that  $\text{span}(S) \subseteq \text{span}(T)$  and  $\text{span}(T) \subseteq \text{span}(S)$ .

### Subspaces

A subset  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace if:

(1) Contains Origin:  $\mathbf{0} \in V$

(2) Closed under linear combination:

$$\forall u, v \in V, \forall c, d \in \mathbb{R}, cu + dv \in V$$

A subset  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace if and only if it is a linear span,  $V = \text{span}(S)$  for some finite set  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ .

### Solution Sets of linear systems

Solution sets of linear systems can be expressed implicitly or explicitly.

Implicit form:

$$\left\{ x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = \mathbf{b} \right\}$$

Explicit form:

$$\{\mathbf{u} + s_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + s_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + s_k \mathbf{v}_k \mid s_i \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i\}$$

where  $\mathbf{u} + s_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + s_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + s_k \mathbf{v}_k$  are the general solutions of  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ .

The solution set  $V = \{u \mid Au = \mathbf{b}\}$  is a subspace if and only if  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ , ie. the system is homogenous.

The solution set  $W = \{w \mid Aw = \mathbf{b}\}$  of a linear system  $Ax = \mathbf{b}$  is given by  $\mathbf{u} + V$ , where

(1)  $V = \{v \mid Av = \mathbf{0}\}$  is the solution set of the homogenous

system  $Ax = \mathbf{0}$  and

(2)  $\mathbf{u}$  is a particular solution of  $Au = \mathbf{b}$ .

### Linear Independence

A set of vectors  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is linearly independent if the only solution to

$$c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n = \mathbf{0} \text{ is } c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0.$$

A set is linearly independent iff the RREF of  $S$  has no non-pivot columns.

Special Cases:

1.  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is always linearly dependent.
2.  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly dependent iff  $v_1$  is a scalar multiple of  $v_2$ .
3.  $\{\} = \emptyset$  is linearly independent.
4. Any subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent.
6. Any superset of a linearly dependent set is linearly dependent.
7. Any subset of a linearly independent set is linearly independent.
8. A set  $S$  containing  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly independent iff it spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$

### Basis

Let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. A set  $B = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is a basis of  $V$  if:

(1)  $B$  is linearly independent

(2)  $B$  spans  $V$ , ie.  $\text{span}(B) = V$

A subset  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff  $|S| = n$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix}$  is an invertible matrix.

### Coordinates Relative to a basis

With basis  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ , every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be expressed uniquely as a linear combination of the basis vectors.

$$v = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n \leftrightarrow [v]_S = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

### Change of Basis / Transition Matrix

Suppose there exist bases  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $T = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Then, the transition matrix from  $T$  to  $S$  is

$$\text{RREF}(S \mid T) = (I_k \mid P_{T \rightarrow S})$$

Then  $[w]_S = P_{T \rightarrow S} [w]_T$ , and

$$T = S \times P_{T \rightarrow S}$$

### Dimension

The dimension of a subspace  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is the number of vectors in any basis of  $V$ . The dimension of a solution space  $V = \{u \mid Au = \mathbf{0}\}$  is the number of non-pivot columns in the RREF of  $A$ .